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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the non-U.S. patent documents is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,787,195  
U.S. Publication No. 2002-039444  
Japan 07-123248  
Japan 11-085978  
Japan 09-290533  
Japan 10-222659

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application corresponding to the above-identified application. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated June 10, 2005 is enclosed.

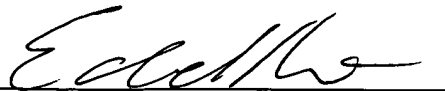
English language abstracts for the Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. It is also noted that U.S. Patent

5,787,195 is an English language counterpart of Japan 07-123248. Likewise, U.S. Publication 2002-039444 is an English language counterpart for Japan 11-085978. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by one of the enclosed English abstracts and the U.S. counterparts. See MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. Since the RCE has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that the Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,787,195	07/28/98	Tsujimoto et al.	382	176	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
JP	07-123248	05/12/95	Japan			Abstract
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JP	09-290533	11/11/97	Japan			Abstract
JP	10-222659	08/21/98	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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